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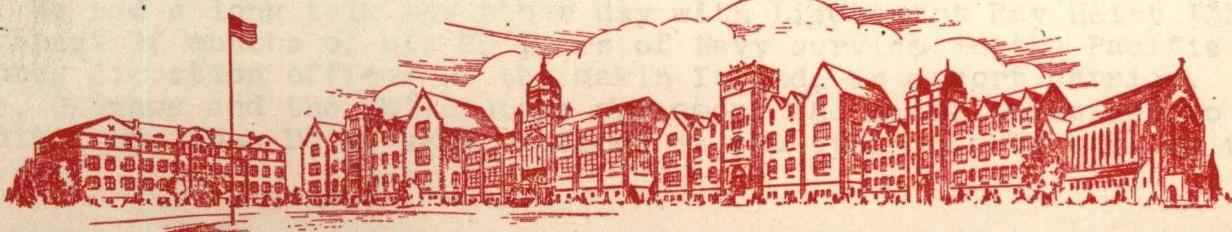
Dear Fellows:

We have just come from the matriculation service in the College chapel where we had the thrill of seeing the largest civilian student body Muhlenberg has registered since the Fall of 1942. Haps still hasn't released his official registration statistics but we can tell you, off the record, that at the moment it is just a shade better than 290 men. That means we have passed the half-way mark on the climb back to a normal student body of 525 or 550 men and we expect that by next summer we'll be just about normal once again. For the first time since July 1943, when the first Navy V-12 unit came aboard, civilians outnumber uniformed men on the campus.

What makes us feel particularly good is that of the civilians registered for the term that got under way last week, 122 are discharged service men in college under the GI Bill of Rights or Law 16. We are proud to be able to help them and proud that some of you fellows helped refer them to Muhlenberg. Going all-out to help returning service men get along with their interrupted education, we are permitting those just returning to civilian life to register for this semester up to the middle of December and will make a special effort to help them catch up with their work so that they will not have to lose any more time. Then on March 1 we'll begin another new term. You fellows can pass the word along to some of your friends leaving service.

Among the service men back as civilian students this term are approximately 50 who started their work at Muhlenberg before they entered the armed forces. They include: Lieutenant George Abel '44, HA2/c George Baker '48, Pfc. George Bannon, Staff Sergeant Harry Becker '46, Lieutenant (jg) Charles Feist '44, Private Lloyd Groner '45, Air Cadet John Growich '46, Corporal John Henrich V-44, Staff Sergeant John High '43, Midshipman Eugene Hohenstein V-44, Corporal Ervin Kishbaugh '45, Corporal Henry Kline '45, Private Milton Nagle '46, Sergeant William N. Richards '44, Lieutenant Robert Schantz '43, Staff Sergeant Walter Yarus '41, Private Rudy Zakos '46, Lieutenant Anthony Annecchiarico '44, Lieutenant Pern Anthony '44, Raymond Baldwin V-45, Lieutenant Paul Balze '44, Lieutenant Foster Blair '42, Air Cadet Jerome Braverman V-45, PhM1/c Francis J. Denise '44, Corporal Leonard Ellis '44, Private Michael Fidorak '44, Lieutenant Ralph Haaf '46, Technical Sergeant Arthur Jenkins '42, Sergeant Cleve Kennedy '43, Corporal John E. Kerin '42, Sergeant Nathan Kline '46, Lieutenant Paul Kramer '41, Lieutenant Donald McLean '45, Private Donald Martin '44, Lieutenant John H. Myers '43, Technical Sergeant Joseph Podany '42, Technical Sergeant William Raines '45, Sergeant Kenneth Rogers '46, Sergeant William A. Smith '45, Lieutenant Kenneth Stansfield '42, Lieutenant (jg) George Sweda '43, Air Cadet Donald Wallace Jr. V-45, Staff Sergeant Paul F. Walter '43, Midshipman A. Leslie Warger '45, AMM1/c John Sweatlock '43 and Lieutenant Walter Weller Jr. '44.

And just today Ned Keiter reported back on the job, taking over his old duties in the business office. Ned has been in the Navy since the summer of 1942 and when he hung his uniform away had two full gold stripes on it. His first job this morning, five minutes after coming on the job, was to investigate the Coca Cola situation in Kenny's



Kommissary. Yes, that shortage has hit here and as a result Ned is thinking of going back into the Navy where there's an abundance--or is there.

Now that the new term is under way again, we've forgotten all about football (never mind the heckling) and are talking about basketball. In practice the team looks as if it will just as good as any that ever represented Muhlenberg on the hardwood, and that includes those super teams of the past two years. Red Baldwin is back in college and on the team again and the other old-timers are Jim Doran and Joe Podany. The season gets under way November 28 when we play Princeton at Princeton. Here's the complete schedule:

Nov. 28	Princeton	Away	Jan. 25	Lehigh	Away
Dec. 5	LaSalle	HOME	Jan. 26	F. and M.	HOME
Dec. 8	Temple	Away	Jan. 30	Lehigh	HOME
	(Convention Hall)		Feb. 2	Bucknell	Away
Dec. 12	Penn State	Away	Feb. 6	Gettysburg	Away
Jan. 2	Princeton	HOME	Feb. 9	Valpariso	HOME
Jan. 5	Penn State	HOME	Feb. 13	Lafayette	Away
Jan. 9	F. and M.	Away	Feb. 16	Villanova	HOME
Jan. 16	Lafayette	HOME	Feb. 20	St. Joseph's	HOME
Jan. 19	Bucknell	HOME	Feb. 23	GETTYSBURG	HOME
Jan. 23	U. of P.	HOME	Feb. 25	St. Francis	Away
					(Madison Square Garden)

Once again this year we'll be playing our home games in Rockne Hall. Here's hoping the coming campaign goes over the top so that in another year or two we'll be playing right here in our own back yard in the best Sports Building any small college ever saw. Incidentally, we have a Junior Varsity team this year and they'll play a preliminary game before each home contest. Preliminaries are scheduled for 7 o'clock with the big show at 8:30. We'll keep you in touch with developments as the season moves along so that you can get even for some of the heckling you had to take during the football season.

Well this really has been some week and this may be some better because neither Elsie nor Kitty are here to ring the bell and tell me when to stop raving. Both of them picked the same week to become ill and if it weren't for Beatrice Shupp, whom we borrowed from the Dean and the Business Office, there just wouldn't be any letter this week. But even without Kitty and Elsie I know it's high time to get down on the diary and the mail.

Among the visitors this week was MAJOR PHIL PARKINSON '39, now on terminal leave after flying just about everywhere. Now that he's becoming a civilian again, he hopes to make aviation his game as a commercial operator. He'll be making the biggest news of his career in the very near future--perhaps by the time we knock out another one of these letters. Sorry, for the moment we are sworn to secrecy. GEORGE GRUBE '44 also dropped in, with a double row of ribbons on his Engin's uniform. He went into the Pacific immediately after he was commissioned in June 1944 and spent 16 months there as communications officer on an LCI that plastered Okinawa and Pelilieu with rockets to prepare the way for the landing forces. He celebrated Armistice Day on Saturday by marrying Marion Barry of Lititz.

Another one of the boys who laid aside the uniform he rarely wore during the last $4\frac{1}{2}$ years was FRANCIS SHEEHAN '35, who spent a year in the 29th Division then $3\frac{1}{2}$ years in Military Intelligence as a special agent in the Security Intelligence Corps. He's back now with New York Life, specializing in discussing insurance problems with men who, like he, have laid aside their uniforms. CAPTAIN CARL PROEHL of the Marines, a Bronze Star shining on his blouse, is home after nearly two years in the Pacific, including action in three major invasions, among them Iwo Jima. But he's not anticipating a discharge. He's in Washington now and hopes to stay in the Marines for some little time to come.

We had a long talk the other day with Lieutenant Ray Heist '33 who spent 16 months of his $2\frac{1}{2}$ years of Navy service in the Pacific as fighter direction officer on the Makin Island, an escort carrier. Iwo Jima, Okinawa and the Philippines are among the major invasions to his credit. Dr. John D. M. Brown stopped in the other day to tell us that

his Marine son HANK was in on one of those Muhlenberg reunions on Guam. This one included BURRELL '43, WETHERHOLD '44, ELLIOT '43, STONE '43, JAKOBOWSKI '43 CAPEHART V-44, BLOOM V-44 and HILL.

It's high time to dig into the mail bag once again and right on top is a letter from good old faithful WILMER CRESSMAN '42 telling us about his trip to Tsingtao, China and his observations there. We'll just have to skip over the letter here and save it for a complete report in the Alumni Magazine which is bound to come out some day soon. And talking about Cressman reminds us that SERGEANT CARL RASSLER '43, who has been Panama (we think) these many months expects to be seeing Allentown and Muhlenberg before Christmas. CHAPLAIN JOHN H. K. MILLER '32 is still located on an airfield just outside Naples where his quarters are super-- but not quite as good as when he stayed at Regimental Headquarters and had a modern apartment, including maid service. Although LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RALPH SELL '28 had enough points for discharge on August 15, he went to Japan on a technical mission and now is stationed at the U. S. Naval Base at Sasebo, Nagasaki County, Kyushu. He'd particularly like ART GETZ, MAURICE HORN and HAROLD HELFRICH to make a note of the address and do something about it--and the same applies to any other Muhlenberg men who may drop by that way.

CHARLIE TRINKLE '42 is still at Hickam Field, but since censorship officers have no more duties to perform he's in recruiting. After 26 months overseas he's ready to ship home any time the Army says the word. Before going to Tientsin, China, LIEUTENANT DICK MILLER V-44 and LIEUTENANT MEL MUNSON of the same group saw LIEUTENANT JIM CAPEHART on Guam. SERGEANT HAROLD HELFRICH '44 hopes to be home from India in time for Christmas. Talking about the boys coming home, we recently have seen CAPTAIN PAUL FATZINGER '31 who spent a long period of service in India and NAVY LIEUTENANT MOE EFROM '32, back from duty in the Pacific. Physically and geographically, LIEUTENANT (jg) PAUL KIDD writes, he's hanging out around the equatorial regions on a small rock called Palmyra Island. NAVY LIEUTENANT HAROLD GOELL '32 also is on his way home and expects to be stationed at Mechanicsburg until he becomes a civilian in February. Writing from Rowen, SERGEANT RICHARD KINARD '43 says he hasn't done any work since VE Day but had enjoyed a leave in Great Britain doing just what any other GI does when he gets a chance to see the place.

PFC. JOSEPH BOKROSH '36 warns us not to send him any more mail on Luzon because he's on his way home. Over in St. Georgen, Germany, PRIVATE HAROLD KNAUSS is sitting on several thousand tons of assorted gas bombs taken from the Germans and in addition he's getting a taste of the profession he prepared for, teaching battalion classes. NIMSON ROBERTS '33 who has been in Okinawa and Luzon, is getting set to come home--in fact may be at sea right now. Also on the brink of becoming a civilian again is ARLINGTON LEWIS, whose last letter came from Oahu.

At lunch today we saw LIEUTENANT (jg) FRANK NEWMAN '43, just back from 20 months of sea duty and married on Monday Jean Pollock of Chicago.

A civilian once again, RICHARD T. WEIDNER '43 is living in Washington. In Washington also is LIEUTENANT COMMANDER PERRY KENDIG of the English Department Faculty. LIEUTENANT PHIL VOOZ '44, a prisoner of the Japs for a long time, now is stationed at the Separation Center at Ellington Field, Texas, serving as vocational counselor. MARK POTTEIGER '39 writes from Sheppard Field, Texas that he is mastering the complications of the Army payroll system.

It's a good guess that I've prevailed upon the good nature of Beatrice just about enough so we'll cut this letter short today and make it up the next time. Incidentally, we plan to keep on sending you this letter until just about the last one of you comes back, so keep us in touch with what you are doing and where you are. Until next time--the best of luck to you and jurry home!

Sincerely,

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